

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claim 17 is allowable and that claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Independent claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 21. Accordingly, claim 20 is now in allowable form. Claims 22-26, which depend from claim 20, should be allowed for at least the same reasons as claim 20.

Since the amendment to claim 20 does not add any new issues and simply places the subject matter of claim 21 into an independent claim as suggested by the Examiner, this amendment should be entered after final.

Applicants solicit an early action allowing the claims.

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